

## Biography United States Navy

## Captain Theodore C. Olson

Deputy Commander, Office of Logistics
Port Hueneme Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center

Captain Theodore Olson joined NSWC Port Hueneme Division in May 2011 as the Office of Logistics Deputy Commander. He is responsible for the team that conducts logistics analysis to identify and assess new requirements, processes and technologies to enhance system supportability and provide superior fleet support.

A career logistician with 26 years experience, Captain Olson began his educational career at California State University, Chico, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business. In 1985, he received his commission through Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI, and a year later, went on to complete the Supply Corps qualification course in Athens, GA. In 1999, Captain Olson attended San Diego State University, earning his MBA. Afterwards, he earned a second master's in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, PA.

Prior to joining NSWC Port Hueneme Division, Captain Olson was assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait as the Director of Security Cooperation for the Office of Military Cooperation. His afloat tours include USS THACH (FFG 43) as Disbursing/Sales Officer, Supply Officer, USS WILLIAM H. BATES (SSN 680), Readiness Officer aboard USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64), and finally Fleet Logistics and Plans Officer on the staff of Commander, Seventh Fleet aboard USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC 19).

Onshore, Captain Olson served as the Combined Bachelor Quarters Officer at NAS Moffett Field, Director and Deputy for Supply Chain Operations Department at Fleet Industrial Supply Center, San



Diego, and as the Deputy for Distribution Operations at the DLA Defense Distribution Depot New Cumberland, PA. In 2005, upon graduation from the U.S. Army War College, he was assigned as the Deputy for Logistics Operations, U.S. Joint Forces Command, where he earned his Joint Service Officer designation. Immediately prior to his assignment in Kuwait, Captain Olson served on the staff of Naval Air Systems Command at Patuxent River, MD, as the Requiring Financial Manager for the APN-6 account.

In addition to a variety of unit and campaign awards, Captain Olson's military decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one gold star, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars and Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal. In addition, he earned the Submarine Supply Officer, Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer, Naval Aviation Supply Corps Officer warfare specialty pins, and is qualified as a Joint Service Officer.